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THE LOUISIANA ECONOMIC SITUATION

Louisiana's nonagricultural employment in August was estimated at 1,615,100, a decrease of 4,100 from the July revised level but 16,800 higher than August, 1990.

Goods producing employment was estimated at 338,300 for August. This was an increase of 1,400 from last month's estimate of 336,900. Mining employment was down as a result of a decrease in the exploration for oil and gas. Employment in construction was higher due to more business throughout the industry. Manufacturing employment rose in the nondurable goods sector.

Service producing employment, estimated at 1,276,800, was down 5,500 from the July estimate but 13,600 higher than August one year ago. Transportation, communications, and public utilities remained stable for August. Trade employment was up due to increases in the general merchandise, and apparel and accessories sectors of the retail industry. An increase in the banking sector resulted in higher employment for the finance, insurance, and real estate industry. An increase in business services accounted for much of the gain in the services industry. A downturn in local government, except education, was responsible for the decrease in government employment.

Average weekly earnings of Louisiana's 134,000 production workers in manufacturing increased from $500.64 in July to $505.90 in August, an increase of $5.26 and an increase of $18.00 from August of last year. Average hourly earnings were $0.10 lower in August than July but $0.34 higher than August a year ago. Average weekly hours for August were 42.8, an increase of 0.8 hours from the July revised level of 42.0 hours.

The August preliminary unemployment rate for Louisiana was 7.7 percent, down from the July revised rate of 7.9 percent. The average unemployment rate for the last three months (June, July, August) was 7.7 percent compared to 6.4 percent for the same period last year.

The comparable national unemployment rate for August was 6.5 percent. The national rate for July was 6.7 percent.

Total unemployment decreased to 148,300. Claims for unemployment insurance decreased which is normal in August.

The state's civilian labor force decreased to 1,936,500 with a decrease in total employment to 1,788,200.

LOUISIANA

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT

(In Thousands by Industry)

	Aug. 1991*	July 1991**	Aug. 1990**	Net Change From July 1991	Net Change From Aug. 1990
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	1615.1	1619.2	1598.3	- 4.1	+16.8
GOODS PRODUCING	338.3	336.9	335.1	+ 1.4	+ 3.2
MINING	56.2	56.5	56.0	- 0.3	+ 0.2
Oil and Gas Extraction	54.4	54.7	54.2	- 0.3	+ 0.2
Nonmetallic Minerals	1.8	1.8	1.8	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	97.7	96.8	92.6	+ 0.9	+ 5.1
General Contractors	20.6	20.3	19.0	+ 0.3	+ 1.6
Heavy Construction, ex. Bldg.	39.2	38.7	36.3	+ 0.5	+ 2.9
Special Trade Contractors	37.9	37.8	37.3	+ 0.1	+ 0.6
MANUFACTURING	184.4	183.6	186.5	+ 0.8	- 2.1
Durable Goods	80.7	81.1	82.9	- 0.4	- 2.2
Lumber and Wood Products	12.3	12.6	12.5	- 0.3	- 0.2
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	5.2	5.2	5.5	0	- 0.3
Primary Metal Industries	3.0	3.0	3.1	0	- 0.1
Fabricated Metal Products	14.2	14.4	14.5	- 0.2	- 0.3
Machinery, Except Electrical	12.4	12.3	11.9	+ 0.1	+ 0.5
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	6.3	6.2	6.5	+ 0.1	- 0.2
Transportation Equipment	23.8	23.8	25.4	0	- 1.6
Other Durable Goods (1)	3.5	3.6	3.5	- 0.1	0
Nondurable Goods	103.7	102.5	103.6	+ 1.2	+ 0.1
Food & Kindred Products	22.3	21.9	22.0	+ 0.4	+ 0.3
Apparel & Other Textile Products	10.3	9.9	11.0	+ 0.4	- 0.7
Paper & Allied Products	12.4	12.3	12.4	+ 0.1	0
Printing & Publishing	9.7	9.7	10.1	0	- 0.4
Chemicals & Allied Products	30.4	30.3	29.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.9
Inorganic Chemicals	6.1	6.1	5.8	0	+ 0.3
Organic Chemicals	11.2	11.2	11.0	0	+ 0.2
Petroleum and Coal Products	12.0	12.0	11.5	0	+ 0.5
Petroleum Refining	11.1	11.1	10.6	0	+ 0.5
Other Nondurable Goods (2)	6.6	6.4	7.1	+ 0.2	- 0.5
SERVICE PRODUCING	1276.8	1282.3	1263.2	- 5.5	+13.6
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	111.2	111.2	111.5	0	- 0.3
Railroad Transportation	4.8	4.8	4.8	0	0
Transportation, ex. Railroads	67.3	67.0	67.2	+ 0.3	+ 0.1
Water Transportation	27.4	27.2	27.5	+ 0.2	- 0.1
Communications & Public Utilities	39.1	39.4	39.5	- 0.3	- 0.4
Comm., ex. US Postal Service	16.3	16.5	17.1	- 0.2	- 0.8
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	22.8	22.9	22.4	- 0.1	+ 0.4

LOUISIANA - CONTINUED
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Aug. 1991*	July 1991**	Aug. 1990**	Net Change From July 1991	Net Change From Aug. 1990
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	378.1	377.9	374.0	+ 0.2	+ 4.1
Wholesale Trade	86.6	87.2	85.8	- 0.6	+ 0.8
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	47.4	47.7	47.1	- 0.3	+ 0.3
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	39.2	39.5	38.7	- 0.3	+ 0.5
Retail Trade	291.5	290.7	288.2	+ 0.8	+ 3.3
Bldg. Mat'ls. & Garden Supplies	10.3	10.3	10.2	0	+ 0.1
General Merchandise	41.8	41.1	40.7	+ 0.7	+ 1.1
Food Stores	57.2	57.3	57.0	- 0.1	+ 0.2
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	30.8	30.9	31.0	- 0.1	- 0.2
Apparel and Accessory	16.7	16.3	16.7	+ 0.4	0
Furniture and Equipment	9.7	9.8	9.3	- 0.1	+ 0.4
Eating and Drinking Places	93.3	93.3	92.6	0	+ 0.7
Other Retail Trade	31.7	31.7	30.7	0	+ 1.0
FINANCE, INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE	79.4	79.3	79.0	+ 0.1	+ 0.4
Banking	29.7	29.5	29.8	+ 0.2	- 0.1
Insurance	26.6	26.6	26.7	0	- 0.1
SERVICES	381.8	381.6	376.8	+ 0.2	+ 5.0
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	22.0	22.0	22.0	0	0
Personal Services	13.8	13.8	13.6	0	+ 0.2
Business Services	64.5	63.8	64.3	+ 0.7	+ 0.2
Auto Repair, Services & Garages	11.6	11.5	11.8	+ 0.1	- 0.2
Miscellaneous Repair Services	8.0	8.1	8.0	- 0.1	0
Amusement & Recreation Services	13.3	13.6	13.7	- 0.3	- 0.4
Health Services	121.4	121.3	118.2	+ 0.1	+ 3.2
Hospitals	53.8	54.0	52.1	- 0.2	+ 1.7
Legal Services	16.0	16.2	16.4	- 0.2	- 0.4
Educational Services	21.4	21.5	21.6	- 0.1	- 0.2
Social Services	22.3	22.1	21.5	+ 0.2	+ 0.8
Membership Organizations	28.2	28.5	26.1	- 0.3	+ 2.1
Eng., Acct. and Related Services	29.5	29.5	29.6	0	- 0.1
Miscellaneous Services	5.3	5.2	5.1	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
GOVERNMENT	326.3	332.3	321.9	- 6.0	+ 4.4
Federal	38.5	38.5	38.4	0	+ 0.1
State and Local	287.8	293.8	283.5	- 6.0	+ 4.3
State	97.4	98.6	93.6	- 1.2	+ 3.8
Local	190.4	195.2	189.9	- 4.8	+ 0.5

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(1) Includes furniture and fixtures, professional equipment and misc. manufacturing industries.

(2) Includes leather, rubber and textile products.

All estimates of nonagricultural wage and salaried workers in this publication are prepared in cooperation with U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics and include all full-time and part-time workers who were employed during the pay period including the 12th of the month.

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING AND SELECTED NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN LOUISIANA

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	Aug. '91*	July '91**	Aug. '90**	Aug. '91*	July '91**	Aug. '90**	Aug. '91*	July '91**	Aug. '90**
ALL MANUFACTURING (1)	$505.90	$500.64	$487.90	42.8	42.0	42.5	$11.82	$11.92	$11.48
Durable Goods	459.45	437.13	439.32	42.7	41.2	41.8	10.76	10.61	10.51
Lumber & Wood Products	400.96	391.19	408.92	43.3	42.8	44.4	9.26	9.14	9.21
Stone, Clay, & Glass Pdts.	422.80	416.71	435.31	40.0	39.8	42.1	10.57	10.47	10.34
Fabricated Metal Products	444.43	443.96	432.72	43.7	44.0	44.2	10.17	10.09	9.79
Machinery, ex. Electrical	453.49	454.21	443.42	44.2	44.4	44.7	10.26	10.23	9.92
Electric & Electronic Equip.	657.80	459.93	696.15	44.0	30.1	44.2	14.95	15.28	15.75
Transportation Equipment	471.91	459.25	384.10	41.0	39.9	36.1	11.51	11.51	10.64
Nondurable Goods	546.12	557.24	530.99	42.9	42.7	43.1	12.73	13.05	12.32
Food & Kindred Products	333.85	325.61	333.91	42.1	40.6	42.7	7.93	8.02	7.82
Apparel & Other Textile Pdts.	237.81	212.10	204.34	37.1	34.6	35.6	6.41	6.13	5.74
Paper & Allied Products	606.29	650.18	641.00	41.9	44.2	44.7	14.47	14.71	14.34
Printing & Publishing	391.62	418.42	422.58	36.6	37.9	39.2	10.70	11.04	10.78
Chemicals & Allied Pdts.	788.19	797.47	747.00	47.0	46.8	45.8	16.77	17.04	16.31
Petroleum & Coal Products	804.90	827.70	817.94	45.5	46.5	46.5	17.69	17.80	17.59
Petroleum Refining	819.02	842.16	834.21	45.4	46.4	46.5	18.04	18.15	17.94
MINING	588.24	605.98	593.61	45.6	46.4	48.3	12.90	13.06	12.29
COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLIC UTILITIES	531.65	540.56	538.05	41.6	42.1	42.5	12.78	12.84	12.66
BANKING	294.40	284.11	302.35	36.8	36.1	40.1	8.00	7.87	7.54

(1) Data in the average earnings table are for approximately **134,000** full-time and part-time workers in manufacturing and **94,300** nonsupervisory employees in communications, public utilities, mining and banking. The averages are computed on a "Gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

BATON ROUGE AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	Aug. '91*	July '91**	Aug. '90**	Aug. '91*	July '91**	Aug. '90**	Aug. '91*	July '91**	Aug. '90**
ALL MANUFACTURING (1)	$584.71	$608.38	$608.63	43.7	43.8	44.2	$13.38	$13.89	$13.77
Petro-Chemicals	764.64	796.74	809.31	48.0	47.2	46.7	15.93	16.88	17.33

(1)Data in the average earnings table are for approximately **14,800** production workers and are computed on a "Gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

NEW ORLEANS AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

ALL MANUFACTURING (1)	464.84	460.49	467.46	41.1	40.5	42.0	11.31	11.37	11.13
Durable Goods	405.59	404.00	412.29	40.6	40.0	40.7	9.99	10.10	10.13
Stone, Clay, & Glass Pdts.	352.52	386.88	412.22	39.3	41.6	43.9	8.97	9.30	9.39
Fabricated Metal Products	396.07	417.21	381.60	41.3	42.1	40.0	9.59	9.91	9.54
Ship & Boatbld'g. and Repair	372.79	358.34	370.72	39.2	37.8	38.9	9.51	9.48	9.53
Nondurable Goods	528.76	521.15	527.74	41.7	41.1	43.4	12.68	12.68	12.16
Food & Kindred Products	375.65	341.89	370.36	41.6	38.2	40.3	9.03	8.95	9.19
Apparel & Other Textile Pdts.	150.84	139.81	221.40	28.3	27.2	36.0	5.33	5.14	6.15
Printing & Publishing	353.40	389.91	405.66	38.0	40.7	41.1	9.30	9.58	9.87
Chemicals & Allied Pdts.	814.33	816.62	794.29	47.4	47.7	49.0	17.18	17.12	16.21

(1)Data in the average earnings table are for approximately **31,500** production workers and are computed on a "Gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

SHREVEPORT AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

ALL MANUFACTURING (1)	540.09	540.38	470.30	41.9	41.6	41.4	12.89	12.99	11.36
Lumber and Wood Products	318.79	347.42	360.14	39.7	43.7	45.3	8.03	7.95	7.95
Food and Kindred Products	317.48	322.39	362.23	41.5	42.7	40.7	7.65	7.55	8.90
Printing and Publishing	342.73	359.45	387.46	33.7	35.0	38.4	10.17	10.27	10.09
Chemicals & Allied Products	637.09	680.89	626.52	46.3	48.6	46.0	13.76	14.01	13.62

(1)Data in the average earnings table are for approximately **13,000** production workers and are computed on a "Gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

LOUISIANA CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE SUMMARY

(in thousands)	PRELIMINARY Aug., 1991				REVISED July, 1991				REVISED Aug., 1990			
	LABOR FORCE	EMPL.	UNEMP.	RATE	LABOR FORCE	EMPL.	UNEMP.	RATE	LABOR FORCE	EMPL.	UNEMP.	RATE
LOUISIANA	1936.5	1788.2	148.3	7.7	2005.2	1846.6	158.6	7.9	1894.2	1777.4	116.8	6.2
METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS:												
Alexandria 1/	59.8	55.0	4.8	8.0	61.3	56.6	4.7	7.7	58.4	54.5	3.9	6.7
Baton Rouge 2/	277.0	257.9	19.1	6.9	289.7	268.1	21.6	7.5	271.3	256.3	15.0	5.5
Houma - Thibodaux 3/	72.0	66.9	5.1	7.1	75.1	69.6	5.5	7.3	69.7	66.1	3.6	5.1
Lafayette 4/	109.9	103.3	6.6	6.0	113.2	106.5	6.7	5.9	106.6	102.0	4.6	4.3
Lake Charles 5/	83.3	75.5	7.8	9.3	86.2	78.1	8.1	9.4	78.8	73.6	5.2	6.6
Monroe 6/	69.4	64.5	4.9	7.0	72.8	67.8	5.0	6.9	68.9	65.0	3.9	5.7
New Orleans 7/	593.1	552.7	40.4	6.8	611.3	569.7	41.6	6.8	584.3	550.0	34.3	5.9
Shreveport 8/	157.1	145.8	11.3	7.2	162.0	150.3	11.7	7.2	153.4	143.8	9.6	6.2

1/ Rapides Parish only. 2/ Includes Ascension, East Baton Rouge, Livingston, and West Baton Rouge parishes. 3/ Includes Lafourche and Terrebonne parishes. 4/ Includes Lafayette and St. Martin parishes. 5/ Calcasieu Parish only. 6/ Ouachita Parish only. 7/ Includes Jefferson, Orleans, St. Bernard, St. Tammany, St. Charles and St. John the Baptist parishes. 8/ Includes Bossier and Caddo parishes.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

The Consumer Price Index, sometimes called the "Cost of Living Index", is a monthly measure of the average change in prices in a fixed quantity of goods and services.

ALL URBAN CONSUMERS	INDEX	% CHANGE FROM PRIOR MONTH	% CHANGE FROM PRIOR YEAR
Aug. 1990	131.6	+ 0.9	+ 5.6
Aug. 1991	136.6	+ 0.3	+ 3.8

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE, OTHER AREAS

AREA	PRELIMINARY AUGUST 91 LABOR FORCE	EMPL	UNEMP	RATE	REVISED JULY 91 LABOR FORCE	EMPL	UNEMP	RATE
CROWLEY (ACADIA)	22,225	20,275	1,950	8.8	23,500	20,875	2,625	11.1
OAKDALE (ALLEN)	10,150	9,050	1,100	10.8	10,500	9,300	1,200	11.4
NAPOLEONVILLE (ASSUMPTION)	6,700	5,975	725	10.7	6,950	6,125	825	11.9
BUNKIE (AVOYELLES)	16,425	14,500	1,925	11.8	16,875	14,800	2,075	12.3
DERIDDER (BEAUREGARD)	13,475	12,350	1,125	8.3	13,925	12,775	1,150	8.3
ARCADIA (BIENVILLE)	6,900	6,325	575	8.5	7,125	6,475	650	9.2
COLUMBIA (CALDWELL)	4,150	3,750	400	9.6	4,400	3,875	525	12.1
CAMERON (CAMERON)	4,700	4,450	250	5.3	4,775	4,600	175	3.9
JONESVILLE (CATAHOULA)	3,650	3,175	475	12.8	3,750	3,275	475	12.7
HOMER (CLAIBORNE)	7,475	6,900	575	7.7	7,750	7,125	625	8.0
FERRIDAY (CONCORDIA)	9,475	8,225	1,250	13.2	10,050	8,475	1,575	15.6
MANSFIELD (DESOTO)	11,100	10,025	1,075	9.8	11,425	10,275	1,150	10.1
LAKE PROVIDENCE (E. CARROLL)	3,325	2,925	400	11.8	3,575	3,025	550	15.2
CLINTON (EAST FELICIANA)	7,100	6,550	550	7.6	7,400	6,825	575	7.9
VILLE PLATTE(EVANGELINE)	14,250	13,150	1,100	7.6	14,575	13,325	1,250	8.6
WINNSBORO (FRANKLIN)	8,950	7,950	1,000	11.1	9,325	8,200	1,125	12.0
COLFAX (GRANT)	7,200	6,525	675	9.3	7,400	6,700	700	9.4
NEW IBERIA (IBERIA)	27,550	25,425	2,125	7.7	28,150	26,050	2,100	7.5
PLAQUEMINE (IBERVILLE)	11,725	10,350	1,375	11.7	12,125	10,625	1,500	12.4
JONESBORO (JACKSON)	6,550	5,950	600	9.1	6,500	6,050	450	6.9
JENNINGS (JEFFERSON DAVIS)	11,525	10,325	1,200	10.5	12,425	10,725	1,700	13.7
JENA (LASALLE)	5,925	5,375	550	9.3	6,125	5,525	600	9.7
RUSTON (LINCOLN)	17,250	16,575	675	4.0	17,975	17,150	825	4.7
TALLULAH (MADISON)	5,450	4,850	600	11.1	5,800	5,000	800	13.7
BASTROP (MOREHOUSE)	12,875	11,700	1,175	9.1	13,325	12,025	1,300	9.8
NATCHITOCHES (NATCHITOCHES)	15,625	14,375	1,250	8.1	16,000	14,675	1,325	8.3
POINT-A-LA-HACHE (PLAQUM.)	8,525	7,975	550	6.5	8,775	8,175	600	6.9
NEW ROADS (POINTE COUPEE)	7,175	6,025	1,150	15.9	7,425	6,175	1,250	16.7
COUSHATTA (RED RIVER)	4,125	3,550	575	14.1	4,325	3,675	650	15.1
RAYVILLE (RICHLAND)	8,150	7,275	875	10.7	8,575	7,525	1,050	12.1
MANY (SABINE)	10,275	9,575	700	6.8	10,600	9,800	800	7.5
GREENSBURG (ST. HELENA)	2,875	2,600	275	9.9	3,025	2,675	350	11.5
LUTCHER (ST. JAMES)	9,350	8,450	900	9.5	9,700	8,675	1,025	10.5
OPELOUSAS (ST. LANDRY)	30,350	27,075	3,275	10.8	31,675	28,150	3,525	11.1
MORGAN CITY (ST. MARY)	24,975	22,700	2,275	9.2	25,800	23,425	2,375	9.2
HAMMOND (TANGIPAHOA)	38,400	34,375	4,025	10.5	39,875	35,250	4,625	11.6
ST. JOSEPH (TENSAS)	2,375	2,150	225	9.2	2,500	2,250	250	10.4
FARMERVILLE (UNION)	8,275	7,625	650	7.8	8,475	7,850	625	7.3
ABBEVILLE (VERMILION)	18,575	16,950	1,625	8.7	19,150	17,375	1,775	9.2
LEESVILLE (VERNON)	18,400	17,025	1,375	7.4	18,725	17,400	1,325	7.0
BOGALUSA (WASHINGTON)	17,375	15,450	1,925	11.0	18,050	15,975	2,075	11.6
MINDEN (WEBSTER)	19,375	17,525	1,850	9.6	19,875	18,100	1,775	8.9
OAK GROVE (WEST CARROLL)	4,425	3,850	575	13.0	4,850	3,850	1,000	20.6
ST. FRANCISVILLE (W. FELIC.)	4,125	3,850	275	6.8	4,275	3,975	300	6.9
WINNFIELD (WINN)	6,050	5,550	500	8.4	6,200	5,725	475	7.7

NOTE: LABOR MARKET AREAS ARE DESIGNATED BY NAME OF PRINCIPAL TOWN, BUT INCLUDE ALL OF PARISH IN PARENTHESES.

ABOVE DATA ROUNDED TO NEAREST 25. SUBTOTALS MAY NOT ADD TO TOTALS DUE TO ROUNDING. RATES ARE COMPUTED FROM UNROUNDED DATA.

ALEXANDRIA AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Aug. 1991*	July 1991**	Aug. 1990**	Net Change From July 1991	Net Change From Aug. 1990
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	47.0	47.0	46.4	0	+ 0.6
GOODS PRODUCING	6.8	6.9	6.7	- 0.1	+ 0.1
MINING	0.1	0.1	0.1	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	3.5	3.6	3.3	- 0.1	+ 0.2
MANUFACTURING	3.2	3.2	3.3	0	- 0.1
Durable Goods	1.8	1.8	1.8	0	0
Nondurable Goods	1.4	1.4	1.5	0	- 0.1
SERVICE PRODUCING	40.2	40.1	39.7	+ 0.1	+ 0.5
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	2.4	2.4	2.4	0	0
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	10.8	10.7	10.6	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Wholesale Trade	2.0	2.0	1.9	0	+ 0.1
Retail Trade	8.8	8.7	8.7	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	2.1	2.1	2.1	0	0
SERVICES	12.5	12.4	12.3	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Health Services	5.5	5.5	5.4	0	+ 0.1
GOVERNMENT	12.4	12.5	12.3	- 0.1	+ 0.1
Federal	2.9	2.9	2.8	0	+ 0.1
State and Local	9.5	9.6	9.5	- 0.1	0
State	4.5	4.6	4.5	- 0.1	0
Local	5.0	5.0	5.0	0	0

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Alexandria MSA was estimated at 47,000 for the current month. This estimate was unchanged from last month and 600 more than August, 1990.

Goods producing employment was estimated at 6,800 for August. This estimate was 100 less than last month's as a result of a decrease in the construction industry. Compared to August of last year this figure increased by 100, with the largest increase centered in the construction industry.

Service producing employment for the current month was estimated at 40,200. This estimate was 100 more than July and 500 more than August a year ago, as a result of an increase in the trade and services industries.

BATON ROUGE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Aug. 1991*	July 1991**	Aug. 1990**	Net Change From July 1991	Net Change From Aug. 1990
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	236.3	238.2	235.8	- 1.9	+ 0.5
GOODS PRODUCING	51.4	51.6	51.0	- 0.2	+ 0.4
MINING	0.9	0.9	0.9	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	27.2	27.4	27.1	- 0.2	+ 0.1
MANUFACTURING	23.3	23.3	23.0	0	+ 0.3
Durable Goods	5.4	5.4	5.5	0	- 0.1
Nondurable Goods	17.9	17.9	17.5	0	+ 0.4
Food & Kindred Products	2.2	2.2	2.0	0	+ 0.2
Printing & Publishing	1.5	1.5	1.5	0	0
Chemicals and Petroleum Products	12.5	12.5	12.2	0	+ 0.3
Other Nondurable Goods	1.7	1.7	1.8	0	- 0.1
SERVICE PRODUCING	184.9	186.6	184.8	- 1.7	+ 0.1
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	11.3	11.3	11.1	0	+ 0.2
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	54.6	54.4	53.9	+ 0.2	+ 0.7
Wholesale Trade	12.5	12.5	12.5	0	0
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	8.7	8.7	8.7	0	0
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	3.8	3.8	3.8	0	0
Retail Trade	42.1	41.9	41.4	+ 0.2	+ 0.7
General Merchandise	6.8	6.7	6.6	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	13.0	13.0	13.0	0	0
Banking	4.1	4.1	4.1	0	0
SERVICES	55.4	55.2	54.4	+ 0.2	+ 1.0
GOVERNMENT	50.6	52.7	52.4	- 2.1	- 1.8
Federal	2.4	2.4	2.7	0	- 0.3
State and Local	48.2	50.3	49.7	- 2.1	- 1.5
State	25.8	26.3	27.1	- 0.5	- 1.3
Local	22.4	24.0	22.6	- 1.6	- 0.2

BATON ROUGE AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Baton Rouge MSA was estimated at 236,300 for August, a decrease of 1,900 from the July revised estimate. This downward movement was due mainly to temporary or seasonal factors.

Goods producing employment declined to 51,400 for the month of August. This estimate was 200 less than the July estimate as a result of job completions in the heavy construction sector. Both mining and manufacturing employment remained unchanged from the July level. Compared to the prior year, goods producing employment was up 400 with the largest gains reported in the chemical and petroleum sectors of manufacturing.

Service producing employment began its normal seasonal downturn, declining to 184,900 for August. The decrease was centered entirely in government due to seasonal or temporary summer cutbacks in state and local government employment. Trade employment increased to 54,600 reflecting more business in department and miscellaneous retail stores. Increased activity in business services caused the services segment to move upward to 55,400.

Average weekly earnings of the Baton Rouge MSA's 14,800 production workers in all manufacturing were $584.71 for August, a decrease of $23.67 from the July average. Compared to the prior year, weekly earnings were down $23.92. Average weekly hours at 43.7 decreased by 0.1 hours, while average hourly earnings at $13.38, decreased by $0.51 per hour. The increase of lower paid employees contributed to these changes.

The total civilian labor force for the Baton Rouge MSA declined to 277,000 in August. The unemployment rate for the MSA also declined to 6.9 percent. Total employment decreased to 257,900 while unemployment decreased to 19,100.

The Baton Rouge Job Service Office served 1,801 individuals with new or renewal applications. A total of 2,469 referrals to current openings resulted in 125 placements during the month of August.

HOUMA - THIBODAUX AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Aug. 1991*	July 1991**	Aug. 1990**	Net Change From July 1991	Net Change From Aug. 1990
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	59.1	59.5	57.9	- 0.4	+ 1.2
GOODS PRODUCING	14.0	14.0	13.2	0	+ 0.8
MINING	5.6	5.7	5.4	- 0.1	+ 0.2
CONSTRUCTION	2.3	2.3	2.0	0	+ 0.3
MANUFACTURING	6.1	6.0	5.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
Durable Goods	4.2	4.2	4.0	0	+ 0.2
Nondurable Goods	1.9	1.8	1.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
SERVICE PRODUCING	45.1	45.5	44.7	- 0.4	+ 0.4
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	6.7	6.6	6.8	+ 0.1	- 0.1
Water Transportation	4.1	4.1	4.3	0	- 0.2
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	14.9	15.0	14.6	- 0.1	+ 0.3
Wholesale Trade	3.0	3.1	3.1	- 0.1	- 0.1
Retail Trade	11.9	11.9	11.5	0	+ 0.4
General Mdse. & App. & Acc.	2.3	2.3	2.3	0	0
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	2.1	2.1	2.1	0	0
SERVICES	11.1	11.2	10.9	- 0.1	+ 0.2
GOVERNMENT	10.3	10.6	10.3	- 0.3	0
Federal	0.4	0.4	0.4	0	0
State and Local	9.9	10.2	9.9	- 0.3	0
State	2.5	2.6	2.5	- 0.1	0
Local	7.4	7.6	7.4	- 0.2	0

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Houma-Thibodaux MSA moved down to 59,100, a level 400 below July. The change was largely in service producing employment. Total nonagricultural employment stood at a level 1,200 above the year-ago figure.

Goods producing employment at 14,000 was estimated at the same level as July, but was 800 over the August, 1990 figure. In manufacturing, the nondurable goods segment benefitted from more business. Mining adjusted downward, largely in oil and gas field services. Construction employment held steady.

Service producing employment displayed an overall decrease of 400. Transportation, communications, and public utilities added workers. Less favorably, trade showed a small downturn. Services employment was lowered by a decrease spread through several industries in this group. Government was reduced by seasonal downturns in both state and local government employment.

Estimated unemployment was 5,100 in August. Unemployment presently comprises 7.1 percent of the civilian labor force for the Houma-Thibodaux MSA. Recipients of regular unemployment benefits totaled 874.

LAFAYETTE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Aug. 1991*	July 1991**	Aug. 1990**	Net Change From July 1991	Net Change From Aug. 1990
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	100.5	100.5	98.8	0	+ 1.7
GOODS PRODUCING	26.6	26.7	26.5	- 0.1	+ 0.1
MINING	12.6	12.6	12.8	0	- 0.2
CONSTRUCTION	4.6	4.6	4.4	0	+ 0.2
MANUFACTURING	9.4	9.5	9.3	- 0.1	+ 0.1
Durable Goods	2.9	3.0	2.7	- 0.1	+ 0.2
Nondurable Goods	6.5	6.5	6.6	0	- 0.1
SERVICE PRODUCING	73.9	73.8	72.3	+ 0.1	+ 1.6
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	7.1	7.2	6.9	- 0.1	+ 0.2
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	26.0	25.9	25.2	+ 0.1	+ 0.8
Wholesale Trade	6.6	6.5	6.2	+ 0.1	+ 0.4
Retail Trade	19.4	19.4	19.0	0	+ 0.4
General Merchandise	2.6	2.5	2.6	+ 0.1	0
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	3.4	3.4	3.3	0	+ 0.1
Banking	1.2	1.2	1.2	0	0
SERVICES	23.5	23.1	22.9	+ 0.4	+ 0.6
GOVERNMENT	13.9	14.2	14.0	- 0.3	- 0.1
Federal	1.0	1.0	1.3	0	- 0.3
State and Local	12.9	13.2	12.7	- 0.3	+ 0.2
State	4.5	4.6	4.1	- 0.1	+ 0.4
Local	8.4	8.6	8.6	- 0.2	- 0.2

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Lafayette MSA for August, 1991 was estimated at 100,500. This figure was unchanged from last month's revised estimate. Compared to August a year ago, employment in the MSA has expanded by 1,700 jobs.

Goods producing employment was estimated at 26,600, a drop of 100 from July's estimate of 26,700. The only industry to show a change over the month was manufacturing and it was down by 100.

Service producing employment was estimated at 73,900, a gain of 100 from last month's revised estimate. Transportation, communications, and public utilities had a small loss of 100, while trade had a slight increase of 100. Services rose by 400 due to increased employment in business, health, and educational services. Government was down by 300 primarily due to declines in the summer youth programs in the local government sector.

LAKE CHARLES AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Aug. 1991*	July 1991**	Aug. 1990**	Net Change From July 1991	Net Change From Aug. 1990
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	69.0	69.2	67.1	- 0.2	+ 1.9
GOODS PRODUCING	19.2	19.0	19.0	+ 0.2	+ 0.2
MINING	1.3	1.3	1.3	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	7.9	7.6	6.1	+ 0.3	+ 1.8
MANUFACTURING	10.0	10.1	11.6	- 0.1	- 1.6
Durable Goods	1.2	1.3	3.0	- 0.1	- 1.8
Nondurable Goods	8.8	8.8	8.6	0	+ 0.2
Chemical & Petro Products	8.0	8.0	7.8	0	+ 0.2
SERVICE PRODUCING	49.8	50.2	48.1	- 0.4	+ 1.7
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	4.6	4.4	4.2	+ 0.2	+ 0.4
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	15.9	15.9	15.5	0	+ 0.4
Wholesale Trade	3.5	3.5	3.4	0	+ 0.1
Retail Trade	12.4	12.4	12.1	0	+ 0.3
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	2.8	2.8	2.6	0	+ 0.2
SERVICES	15.6	15.4	14.8	+ 0.2	+ 0.8
GOVERNMENT	10.9	11.7	11.0	- 0.8	- 0.1
Federal	0.6	0.6	0.7	0	- 0.1
State and Local	10.3	11.1	10.3	- 0.8	0
State	3.2	3.2	3.3	0	- 0.1
Local	7.1	7.9	7.0	- 0.8	+ 0.1

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment, estimated at 69,000 in August, was down by 200 from the July revised estimate of 69,200.

Goods producing employment was estimated at 19,200, an increase of 200 from the July revised estimate. Construction increased by 300 with the increase centered in the general contractors and special trade contractors sectors. Manufacturing dropped by 100 due to continuing layoffs with a major employer in the durable goods sector.

Service producing employment was estimated at 49,800, a decrease of 400 from last month's estimate. Transportation, communications, and public utilities employment increased by 200 due to more activity in the water transportation industry. Services rose by 200 due primarily to employment growth in hotels and motels, and engineering and accounting services. Government declined by 800, reflecting the end of summer youth employment in local government.

MONROE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Aug. 1991*	July 1991**	Aug. 1990**	Net Change From July 1991	Net Change From Aug. 1990
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	58.1	59.4	58.8	- 1.3	- 0.7
GOODS PRODUCING	11.4	11.2	10.9	+ 0.2	+ 0.5
MINING	0.4	0.4	0.4	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	3.2	3.0	2.8	+ 0.2	+ 0.4
MANUFACTURING	7.8	7.8	7.7	0	+ 0.1
Durable Goods	2.0	2.0	2.0	0	0
Nondurable Goods	5.8	5.8	5.7	0	+ 0.1
Food & Kindred Products	0.8	0.8	0.7	0	+ 0.1
Other Nondurable Goods	5.0	5.0	5.0	0	0
SERVICE PRODUCING	46.7	48.2	47.9	- 1.5	- 1.2
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	3.0	3.0	3.2	0	- 0.2
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	15.0	14.9	14.9	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Wholesale Trade	3.8	3.7	3.8	+ 0.1	0
Retail Trade	11.2	11.2	11.1	0	+ 0.1
General Mdse. & App. & Acc.	2.5	2.5	2.6	0	- 0.1
Eating & Drinking Places	3.3	3.3	3.1	0	+ 0.2
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	4.5	4.5	4.4	0	+ 0.1
Banking	1.8	1.8	1.8	0	0
SERVICES	13.5	13.6	13.1	- 0.1	+ 0.4
GOVERNMENT	10.7	12.2	12.3	- 1.5	- 1.6
Federal	0.6	0.6	0.7	0	- 0.1
State and Local	10.1	11.6	11.6	- 1.5	- 1.5
State	4.3	4.5	4.4	- 0.2	- 0.1
Local	5.8	7.1	7.2	- 1.3	- 1.4

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Monroe MSA, estimated at 58,100 during August, 1991, was down 1,300 from the July estimate of 59,400.

Goods producing, estimated at 11,400, was 200 above the July estimate. The increase was in construction and reflects the continued repair and reconstruction following late spring disasters. Manufacturing and mining were unchanged over the month.

Service producing, estimated at 46,700, was 1,500 below the July estimate. The loss was primarily in government and reflects the completion of summer youth programs, as well as the end of summer sessions in educational facilities. Trade was up due to an increase in wholesale trade. Services was down by 100. All other segments were unchanged.

NEW ORLEANS AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Aug. 1991*	July 1991**	Aug. 1990**	Net Change From July 1991	Net Change From Aug. 1990
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	540.3	539.2	538.1	+ 1.1	+ 2.2
GOODS PRODUCING	82.9	82.6	82.1	+ 0.3	+ 0.8
MINING	13.9	13.9	14.0	0	- 0.1
Oil & Gas Extraction	13.6	13.6	13.6	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	23.6	23.4	22.8	+ 0.2	+ 0.8
MANUFACTURING	45.4	45.3	45.3	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Durable Goods	23.9	23.9	24.2	0	- 0.3
Lumber and Wood Products	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	1.3	1.3	1.4	0	- 0.1
Fabricated Metal Products	2.4	2.2	2.4	+ 0.2	0
Machinery Inc. Electrical	3.7	3.6	3.4	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
Transportation Equipment	14.2	14.5	14.6	- 0.3	- 0.4
Ship & Boatbuilding & Repairing	10.8	11.0	11.0	- 0.2	- 0.2
Other Durable Goods	1.8	1.8	1.9	0	- 0.1
Nondurable Goods	21.5	21.4	21.1	+ 0.1	+ 0.4
Food & Kindred Products	5.5	5.6	5.7	- 0.1	- 0.2
Apparel & Other Textile Products	2.2	2.2	1.9	0	+ 0.3
Printing & Publishing	3.7	3.7	3.7	0	0
Chemicals and Allied Products	5.1	5.1	5.0	0	+ 0.1
Petroleum & Coal Products	3.9	3.8	3.6	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
Other Nondurable Goods	1.1	1.0	1.2	+ 0.1	- 0.1
SERVICE PRODUCING	457.4	456.6	456.0	+ 0.8	+ 1.4
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	44.2	44.0	44.2	+ 0.2	0
Railroad Transportation	1.3	1.3	1.3	0	0
Trucking and Warehousing	8.0	7.9	8.4	+ 0.1	- 0.4
Water Transportation	13.8	13.7	13.4	+ 0.1	+ 0.4
Comm. & Public Util.	13.1	13.2	13.1	- 0.1	0
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	133.1	132.4	134.3	+ 0.7	- 1.2
Wholesale Trade	30.6	30.8	31.1	- 0.2	- 0.5
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	17.4	17.4	17.8	0	- 0.4
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	13.2	13.4	13.3	- 0.2	- 0.1
Retail Trade	102.5	101.6	103.2	+ 0.9	- 0.7
General Merchandise	12.6	12.5	12.7	+ 0.1	- 0.1
Food Stores	20.2	20.1	20.4	+ 0.1	- 0.2
Eating & Drinking Places	35.9	35.6	36.0	+ 0.3	- 0.1
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	31.3	31.0	31.9	+ 0.3	- 0.6
Banking	9.9	9.8	10.5	+ 0.1	- 0.6
SERVICES	156.7	157.0	152.6	- 0.3	+ 4.1
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	13.9	13.8	14.1	+ 0.1	- 0.2
Health Services	42.6	42.7	40.6	- 0.1	+ 2.0
Educational Services	14.9	15.0	14.8	- 0.1	+ 0.1
GOVERNMENT	92.1	92.2	93.0	- 0.1	- 0.9
Federal	16.0	16.0	16.4	0	- 0.4
State and Local	76.1	76.2	76.6	- 0.1	- 0.5
State	19.3	19.2	19.0	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
Local	56.8	57.0	57.6	- 0.2	- 0.8

NEW ORLEANS AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment for the New Orleans MSA for August was estimated at 540,300, up 1,100 from the previous month. Increases were experienced in most industry divisions. The preliminary August figure was 2,200 higher than the year-ago level.

Goods producing employment stood at 82,900, up 300 from July and 800 over the August, 1990 figure. Construction displayed a moderate increase in heavy construction and special trade contractors. In manufacturing, fabricated metal products, machinery, petroleum and coal products, and other nondurable goods experienced employment gains. Mining held steady over the month.

Service producing employment moved up 800 from the previous month. Transportation, communications, and public utilities had small gains mostly in water and motor freight transportation. Trade employment was higher due to seasonal increases in the retail segment. Finance, insurance, and real estate moved forward. Services adjusted downward as several segments experienced small losses. Government eased down in the local government sector.

Production workers in the area earned an average of $464.84 per week, up $4.35 from last month's average. Average weekly hours were 41.1, up 0.6 hours from the previous month. Average hourly earnings were $11.31, down six cents from July, but $0.18 over August of last year.

Estimated unemployment was 40,400 for August. The unemployment rate registered 6.8 percent. Recipients of regular unemployment benefits totaled 8,053.

SHREVEPORT AREA

Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment

(In Thousands by Industry)

	Aug. 1991*	July 1991**	Aug. 1990**	Net Change From July 1991	Net Change From Aug. 1990
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	133.5	133.1	131.9	+ 0.4	+ 1.6
GOODS PRODUCING	27.1	26.7	27.3	+ 0.4	- 0.2
MINING	3.0	3.0	3.1	0	- 0.1
CONSTRUCTION	6.6	6.6	6.4	0	+ 0.2
MANUFACTURING	17.5	17.1	17.8	+ 0.4	- 0.3
Durable Goods	12.0	11.6	12.1	+ 0.4	- 0.1
Lumber and Wood Products	0.5	0.4	0.4	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Primary and Fabricated Metals	2.0	1.9	2.1	+ 0.1	- 0.1
Machinery, Inc. Electrical	4.8	4.5	5.0	+ 0.3	- 0.2
Other Durable Goods	4.7	4.8	4.6	- 0.1	+ 0.1
Nondurable Goods	5.5	5.5	5.7	0	- 0.2
Food & Kindred Products	0.7	0.7	0.8	0	- 0.1
Printing & Publishing	1.3	1.3	1.4	0	- 0.1
Chemicals & Petroleum Products	1.6	1.6	1.6	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	1.9	1.9	1.9	0	0
SERVICE PRODUCING	106.4	106.4	104.6	0	+ 1.8
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	8.2	8.2	8.1	0	+ 0.1
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	33.1	33.0	32.1	+ 0.1	+ 1.0
Wholesale Trade	7.8	7.8	7.9	0	- 0.1
Retail Trade	25.3	25.2	24.2	+ 0.1	+ 1.1
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	6.7	6.7	6.3	0	+ 0.4
SERVICES	34.1	34.2	33.8	- 0.1	+ 0.3
GOVERNMENT	24.3	24.3	24.3	0	0
Federal	5.1	5.0	5.2	+ 0.1	- 0.1
State and Local	19.2	19.3	19.1	- 0.1	+ 0.1
State	6.4	6.4	6.5	0	- 0.1
Local	12.8	12.9	12.6	- 0.1	+ 0.2

SHREVEPORT AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

The nonagricultural wage and salary employment total in the Shreveport MSA rose to 133,500, an increase of 400 from the previous month and up 1,600 from August, 1990. Goods producing employment was up 400 from July, 1991, while service producing jobs remained unchanged.

Goods producing employment rose to 27,100, up from the July, 1991 estimate of 26,700. Most of this increase was due to a plant returning to normal production after a temporary closing. Some of the increase from July to August was due to more activity in lumber and wood products, and primary and fabricated metal products employment.

Service producing employment, estimated at 106,400, showed no change over the month, but has increased 1,800 from the year-ago estimate of 104,600. During the past year trade showed the largest employment gain, up from 32,100 to 33,100. Finance, insurance, and real estate rose from 6,300 to 6,700 and services employment increased to 34,100, up from 33,800 one year ago.

An estimated 13,000 manufacturing production workers in the Shreveport MSA had average weekly earnings of $540.09, down $0.29 from July, 1991, and $69.79 more than one year ago. Average weekly hours rose slightly to 41.9, up by 0.3 hours over the month. Average hourly earnings dropped $0.10 in August.

The civilian labor force of 157,100 for this area included 145,800 employed and 11,300 unemployed. This resulted in an unemployment rate of 7.2 percent. The unemployment rate averaged 7.1 percent for a three month period (June, July, August) in this area compared to 6.4 percent for the same period one year ago.

INSURED UNEMPLOYED BY INDUSTRY AND OCCUPATION GROUP FOR THE WEEK INCLUDING THE 19TH OF FEBRUARY 1991

INDUSTRY	LOUISIANA TOTAL	LOUISIANA WHITE	LOUISIANA NON-WHITE	ALEXANDRIA AREA TOTAL	ALEXANDRIA AREA WHITE	ALEXANDRIA AREA NON-WHITE	BATON ROUGE AREA TOTAL	BATON ROUGE AREA WHITE	BATON ROUGE AREA NON-WHITE
Mining (10-14)	1,775	1,433	342	38	34	4	23	18	5
Contract Construction (15-17)	7,937	5,701	2,236	214	165	49	1,895	1,455	440
Manufacturing (20-39)	4,541	2,349	2,192	90	48	42	200	123	77
Trans., Comm., & Utilities (40-49)	1,736	985	751	46	32	14	207	94	113
Wholesale Trade (50-51)	1,034	707	327	48	31	17	149	100	49
Retail Trade (52-59)	4,164	2,267	1,897	147	95	52	401	192	209
Fin., Ins., & Real Estate (60-67)	1,227	878	349	29	25	4	171	130	41
Services & Misc. (70-89 & 01-09)	8,651	4,596	4,055	363	162	201	1,080	535	545
Public Administration (91-97)	1,178	571	607	75	44	31	128	53	75
All Others	116	54	62	2	2	0	58	24	34
Totals	32,359	19,541	12,818	1,052	638	414	4,312	2,724	1,588

OCCUPATIONS	LOUISIANA TOTAL	LOUISIANA WHITE	LOUISIANA NON-WHITE	ALEXANDRIA AREA TOTAL	ALEXANDRIA AREA WHITE	ALEXANDRIA AREA NON-WHITE	BATON ROUGE AREA TOTAL	BATON ROUGE AREA WHITE	BATON ROUGE AREA NON-WHITE
Professional, Tech., & Managerial	4,715	3,391	1,324	126	96	30	717	489	228
Clerical and Sales	7,153	4,820	2,333	220	169	51	905	587	318
Services Occupations	3,518	996	2,522	218	49	169	300	65	235
Agri., Fishing, Forestry & Related Occ.	263	111	152	14	10	4	4	2	2
Processing Occupations	659	314	345	4	1	3	39	24	15
Machine Trades	1,733	1,190	543	68	54	14	172	132	40
Benchwork Occupations	1,142	479	663	40	11	29	47	33	14
Structural Work Occupations	8,392	5,654	2,738	201	150	51	1,732	1,230	502
Miscellaneous Occupations	4,784	2,586	2,198	161	98	63	396	162	234
Totals	32,359	19,541	12,818	1,052	638	414	4,312	2,724	1,588

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INDUSTRY	HOUMA-THIBODAUX AREA			LAFAYETTE AREA			LAKE CHARLES AREA		
	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE
Mining (10-14)	176	146	30	253	197	56	44	34	10
Contract Construction (15-17)	182	163	19	111	81	30	518	397	121
Manufacturing (20-39)	200	134	66	181	97	84	664	392	272
Trans., Comm., & Utilities (40-49)	88	76	12	53	41	12	63	41	22
Wholesale Trade (50-51)	44	37	7	56	43	13	40	25	15
Retail Trade (52-59)	149	100	49	207	106	101	179	116	63
Fin., Ins., & Real Estate (60-67)	22	19	3	41	31	10	18	14	4
Services & Misc. (70-89 & 01-09)	185	130	55	322	188	134	245	178	67
Public Administration (91-97)	37	25	12	45	24	21	33	23	10
All Others	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Totals	1,083	830	253	1,270	809	461	1,804	1,220	584

OCCUPATIONS									
Professional, Tech., & Managerial	144	119	25	240	194	46	178	146	32
Clerical and Sales	167	144	23	315	239	76	343	257	86
Services Occupations	102	52	50	163	46	117	90	36	54
Agri., Fishing, Forestry & Related Occ.	15	7	8	6	3	3	8	5	3
Processing Occupations	93	72	21	65	31	34	55	27	28
Machine Trades	63	48	15	52	36	16	319	204	115
Benchwork Occupations	16	14	2	45	24	21	36	23	13
Structural Work Occupations	298	236	62	165	117	48	585	410	175
Miscellaneous Occupations	185	138	47	219	119	100	190	112	78
Totals	1,083	830	253	1,270	809	461	1,804	1,220	584

INSURED UNEMPLOYED BY INDUSTRY AND OCCUPATION GROUP FOR THE WEEK INCLUDING THE 19TH OF FEBRUARY 1991

INDUSTRY	MONROE AREA			NEW ORLEANS AREA			SHREVEPORT AREA		
	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE
Mining (10-14)	15	14	1	138	99	39	118	91	27
Contract Construction (15-17)	173	141	32	1,709	1,107	602	231	149	82
Manufacturing (20-39)	122	79	43	864	388	476	451	216	235
Trans., Comm., & Utilities (40-49)	29	23	6	731	344	387	136	65	71
Wholesale Trade (50-51)	3	3	0	361	227	134	97	70	27
Retail Trade (52-59)	161	78	83	1,418	733	685	411	189	222
Fin., Ins., & Real Estate (60-67)	31	24	7	636	410	226	82	58	24
Services & Misc. (70-89 & 01-09)	324	158	166	3,190	1,714	1,476	707	365	342
Public Administration (91-97)	43	14	29	264	88	176	128	63	65
All Others	2	2	0	15	8	7	4	2	2
Totals	903	536	367	9,326	5,118	4,208	2,365	1,268	1,097

OCCUPATIONS									
Professional, Tech., & Managerial	159	115	44	1,782	1,237	545	350	266	84
Clerical and Sales	247	159	88	2,595	1,616	979	666	409	257
Services Occupations	123	21	102	1,201	301	900	322	72	250
Agri., Fishing, Forestry & Related Occ.	4	2	2	47	22	25	40	13	27
Processing Occupations	5	5	0	114	48	66	37	5	32
Machine Trades	63	41	22	334	231	103	132	82	50
Benchwork Occupations	26	17	9	312	62	250	154	82	72
Structural Work Occupations	167	124	43	1,837	1,071	766	318	189	129
Miscellaneous Occupations	109	52	57	1,104	530	574	346	150	196
Totals	903	536	367	9,326	5,118	4,208	2,365	1,268	1,097

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